

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 8 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

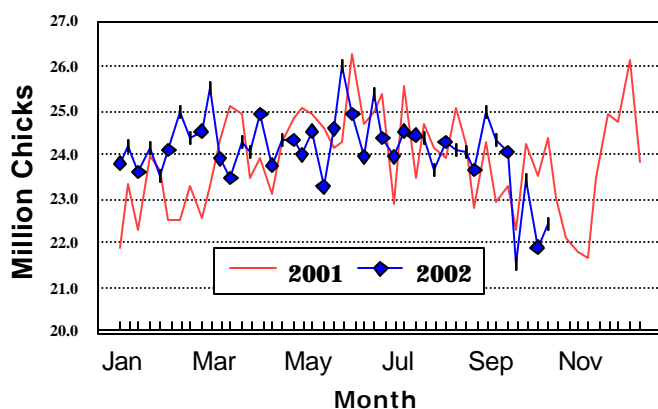
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 22.5 million during the week ending October 26, 2002. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but up 2 percent from the previous week, and included 2.4 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 26, 2002 were 1.04 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 23.1 million, down 7 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.1 percent.

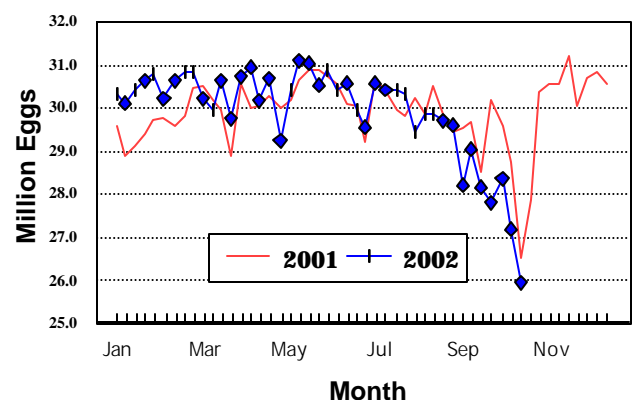
Arkansas hatcheries set 26.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 26, 2002, down 2 percent from the same period last year, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Sep. 21	22,941	24,374	106	24,739	24,474	99	29,665	29,050	98
Sep. 28	23,268	24,044	103	24,447	24,459	100	28,546	28,177	99
Oct. 5	22,290	21,555	97	24,395	23,261	95	30,178	27,810	92
Oct. 12	24,248	23,404	97	24,607	24,017	98	29,619	28,385	96
Oct. 19	23,536	21,930	93	23,599	23,275	99	28,743	27,187	95
Oct. 26	24,413	22,466	92	24,950	23,102	93	26,510	25,951	98

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	%	21-Sep	28-Sep	05-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	%
Alabama	27,660	27,320	26,294	26,230	103	21,530	21,738	20,473	21,008	21,211	21,060	94
ARKANSAS	27,810 *	28,385 *	27,187	25,951	98	24,374	24,044	21,555	23,404	21,930	22,466	92
Delaware	3,408	3,293	3,292	3,089	91	5,601	4,541	5,255	4,781	4,521 *	4,637	95
Florida	2,318 *	2,130	2,324	2,250	97	2,228	2,110	2,328 *	1,939	2,027	2,017	99
Georgia	29,445 *	29,916	28,020	27,535	96	25,494	26,275	23,625	24,663	23,021	24,014	93
Kentucky	6,189 *	5,808	5,148	5,499	88	5,260	5,039	5,052	4,556	5,360	5,075	100
Maryland	8,898	9,510	9,317 *	8,868	99	5,765	5,502	4,934	4,717	5,750 *	5,861	103
Mississippi	17,194 *	17,522	16,503	15,867	97	15,340	15,348	14,622	14,841	14,650	14,447	98
N. Carolina	17,501 *	17,243	16,933	16,886	93	14,240	14,070	13,357	12,503	13,753	14,065	102
Oklahoma	5,159 *	6,026 *	6,249	5,335	96	4,623	3,846	5,470	4,050 *	3,584	3,135	66
Pennsylvania	3,709	3,414 *	3,286 *	3,198	94	2,796	2,791	2,621	2,515 *	2,525 *	2,643	96
S. Carolina	4,885	4,480	4,641	4,206	102	4,096	3,498	3,670	3,636	3,575	4,145	93
Texas	14,410	13,910	13,046	12,467	102	11,173	11,883	11,822	10,330	11,894	11,386	96
Virginia	5,751	5,729	5,689	5,593	103	4,938	5,204	4,937	4,701	5,401	4,487	85
CALAMO,TN,WV	18,762	18,452	17,824 *	18,220	92	17,910	18,866	16,990	16,239	16,161 *	17,221	97
Total 2002	193,099 *	193,138 *	185,753 *	181,194		165,368	164,755	156,711 *	153,883 *	155,363 *	156,659	
Total 2001	205,355	196,919	189,784	186,671		166,119	160,598	156,354	162,521	163,474	165,891	
% Prev. Year	94	98	98	97		100	103	100	95	95	94	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						09-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	07-Dec	14-Dec	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 3 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 181 million eggs during the week ending October 26, 2002. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 157 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 26, 2002. Placements were down 6 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through October 26, 2002 were 7.23 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.